

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 988

By Smith

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate J.T. Hicks on his selection as 2017-2018 Knox County Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, J.T. Hicks is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, J.T. Hicks has been selected as 2017-2018 Knox County Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a teacher in Knox County Schools since 2012, Mr. Hicks teaches eighth-grade science at Cedar Bluff Middle School; and

WHEREAS, he is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished teacher, Mr. Hicks has served as a mentor teacher, team leader, and member of the principal advisory committee; and

WHEREAS, J.T. Hicks is a Science Bowl coach, youth basketball coach, show design consultant, and percussion consultant for Wartburg High School and Karns High School; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades and awards, he has been recognized as a Lexus Leader of Knoxville and honored twice as a Tennessee Lottery State Educator of the Month and WBIR Educator of the Week; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hicks is an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, J.T. Hicks truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest precepts of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate J.T. Hicks on being chosen as 2017-2018 Knox County Teacher of the Year, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.